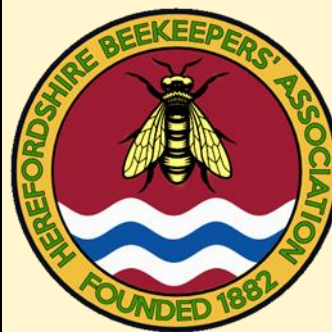


Buzzword

Herefordshire Beekeepers' Association

September 2023



Events - September

South LAN - Holme Lacy

Tuesday 5th 6.00 for 6.30

Preparing for winter – Anne Shawcross

Food Safety for the Beekeeper

Wednesday 27th September, - 7pm

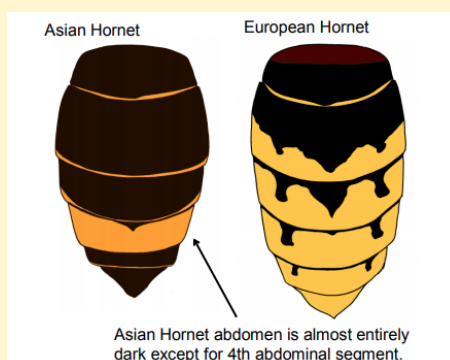
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Events - October

14th – Honey Show

Schedule appended. Contact Show Secretary [Val Lilwall](#) to register

30th - Buckfast Talk – Zoom - Topic TBD



Asian Hornet

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We have just taken delivery of 15 litres of bait. We are selling this on at cost (250ml for £5). This will be available soon



Hum of the Hive

Recorded in Herefordshire, mostly on the Whitfield Estate, this radio programme, broadcast on 27th August, is now available on [BBC Sounds](#). You can also download a short [video clip](#) of it being recorded.

Asian Hornet Update

As the Asian Hornet (AH) Coordinator for Herefordshire Beekeepers Association I find that it is sad, but not surprising, to report that there has been a significant increase in activity in 2023. Between 2016-- 2022 there were 18 confirmed AH sightings and 11 nests. In 2023 alone there have been 28 AH nests found in 25 locations alone as this goes to press!

The recent surge may be down to better awareness and monitoring as well as more insects physically entering our shores via shipping containers, camping gear, on ferries and in vegetables, for example.

This is no longer something to kick down the road, AH's are coming over routinely and they need to be monitored, reported and controlled.

What can you do?

- Set up monitor traps in your garden/apiary (best location is somewhere you go to on a regular basis – Remember we are not trying to catch all insects, only AH in this case. By catch can be let go)
- Go online and take the [BBKA Asian Hornet Team Exercise](#) – This will help you to learn more about the AH but more importantly cover you for insurance purposes if you are asked to go and look at a possible AH sighting/nest location.
- Lobby your MP. More action is required now if we are to stand any chance of controlling the invasion (France and Spain lose millions of Euros a year and countless bee colonies owing to AH's)

Please remember that AH's are a non-native species so it is illegal to capture them and release them. If you find one in a trap, please report it using the [Asian Hornet Watch App](#) or by emailing the [CEH](#) (Download links and information on line).

They can be very aggressive so if you find a suspected nest please keep your distance rather than put yourself at risk. Binoculars are a very handy piece of equipment.

Rob Williams

LAN Meetings

East LAN

17th August - Eastnor

The evening was fine for the meeting at Eastnor where Christopher Lyons has his seven hives in a walled garden in the castle grounds.

Clearing boards were inserted on three hives to allow the supers to be taken and to prepare for Varroa treatment and there was a discussion on the importance of feeding the hives, particularly after the low nectar flow due to poor weather over the past weeks.

We inspected a hive where the queenless colony had been amalgamated with a recently caught swarm and the sighting of larvae indicated that the amalgamation had been successful.

There was a discussion on the use of solid or mesh floors and the advantage of raising hives with mesh floors on blocks to prevent the build-up of debris under the hive, which encourages wax moth.

After the inspection Bob Cross talked the members through various Varroa treatment products available. Tea and peach cake with honey drizzle was provided by Alexandra Lyons along with various oxymels made from honey and raw organic cider vinegar infused with therapeutic herbs, for the members to sample.

Christopher Lyons

South LAN

1st August -Preparing for the Honey Show

Who better than our Show Secretary to go through the schedule and explain the rudiments of producing quality hive products for display. Val Lilwall, our South LAN Coordinator, brought along a variety of items for those who have not entered a honey show before to see and hear about what is involved. Uniformity is the key to proving your skill as a honey exhibitor.



Joining in the show is another platform for learning, as the judge makes notes on why a jar of honey, a frame of comb, a block of beeswax, a bottle of mead doesn't win a prize card.

It is an exercise of learning many things, not about winning, and joining your fellow beekeepers at this event in October is a fun day out. The craft of honey collecting is an ancient one spanning thousands of years from a time when it was the only sweet substance on the planet. The alchemy of producing a candle, extracting honey, or making mead is magical.

Be sure to use the traditional 1 lb squat honey jars when entering the light, medium, dark, granulated, or soft set honey section. Val showed the grading glasses comparing the colour of honey in the jar to the pieces of Perspex that the judge uses. It is probably best to filter the bees' legs out of your honey before showing, and especially if you want to sell it, the public take exception to bugs in their food. If you do want to sell your honey on the day of the show you must enter the competition.

Beginners often don't have honey in their first year, or you may decide to leave all the honey for the bees, but there are many options open: photography, fudge, cakes, biscuits, posy of flowers, and of course there is the LAN challenge with this year's theme of Medicine. There's something for everyone.

Janelle Quitman

South LAN

8th August - Varroa Treatments

We can always guarantee that any opportunity to listen to Bob Cross is time well spent. Bob doesn't just turn up to events. He arrives having put in a lot of thought, effort, and preparation for all eventualities. The art of good conversation is also having the ability to listen. Bob gave everyone a chance to have their say, answering questions with his calm, experienced, opinions and humorous responses.



With a car load of Varroa products, he went through each, explaining methods of treatment, how to use them, protective equipment needed, times, temperatures, the effects on the bees and residues in comb.

His wife, Kath, indulged us patiently while we enjoyed Bob's talk on the configuration of hives for the winter, how to reunite colonies and nucs, post-harvest treatments, insulation and ventilation, and preparation for winter. Many tips on how to unite small colonies into a single box, avoidance of queens fighting with the aid of queen excluder and an eke, and winter treatments. He even came armed with a box of freebies for those who do winter trickle treatment with oxalic acid.

Individually, we chose various treatments to suit our own situation in the hopeful knowledge that the viral load caused by Varroa on our bees this season should be lessened, and they'll be able to build up their fat bodies to survive the winter.

Bob rightly stated that after many years of research we are well armed to manage varroa with autumn treatments that are calibrated exactly for our bees, spring shook swarms, brood breaks, and queen trapping. He stated that our greatest current threat to our bees is the Asian hornet. Bob had a home-made trap with him, to show how easy they are to make, as well as the Veto-pharma type for sale. The base is yellow to attract the hornet, the lid is dark to entice it inwards.

He reminded us that now is the time to act before the queen hornets can mate.

Val and Steve had both baked cakes for the event and the weather held off for us to have yet another happy social gathering and talk about... the hovering wasps that had their eyes on the icing.

Janelle Quitman

Note: Beekeepers are legally obliged to keep a record of Varroa treatments used, for at least five years. We have appended a sample form that you may find useful.

South LAN

22nd August - Asian Hornet Monitoring Station Workshop

Samples of a queen wasp, an Asian hornet (*Vespa velutina nigrithorax* – the yellow legged Asian hornet) and a honeybee on comb was shown to those at the South LAN meeting for identification and comparison purposes. Steve brought some small jam jars with holes drilled into the lids and everyone placed single pieces of a J cloth to act as a wick for the wasp bait attractant. A wick station is a simple, tidy way of using bait, where it can be easily observed during the day (Asian hornets do not fly at night) to monitor the flight path of Asian hornets to and from their nest.

This is the time of year when Asian hornets produce gynes and drones – sexuals that reproduce – after which the queen hibernates until spring. If there are hornets in your area, a wick station will help you photograph a hornet while feeding and confirm a sighting for the authorities to act.

If a hornet is spotted, photographed and details sent **FREE** [via The Asian Hornet Watch app](#), the NBU will send a team to locate and destroy the nest.

A simple trap made from a plastic fizzy drinks bottle captures wasps, flies, moths, and hornets when a cup of beer, pressed apple juice, sweet Ribena or jam is placed in the bottom. Be careful not to use honey or it will attract and trap bees too. It is illegal to capture and release Asian hornets or any alien species. (If you trap Asian hornets – place them in a freezer until the authorities arrive).





At the meeting we were joined by a polite, well-mannered young man, Alfie, who we hope will become an enthusiastic junior beekeeper member during the school holidays. Young eyes are very observant at spotting nests in trees, hedgerows, and buildings.

Asian Hornet Awareness Week, running from 4th - 10th September this year, coincides with the start of the new school term. This will be an opportunity to inform your local school of the Asian hornet predator of pollinators.

Janelle Quitman

Note: The HBKA has purchased 15 litres of the hornet/wasp bait shown in the picture above. We will be making this available to members at cost price (£5 for 250ml) in the coming weeks.

South LAN

29th August - Autumn feeding and wax melting

Towards the end of this English summer, which came and went far too quickly, we were delighted with the presence of two budding beekeepers - both accompanied by their grandfathers - who were very quick to spot the queens, listened attentively to the talks after hive inspections, and, joining in the conversation, shared an array of jokes that made an amusing beginning and joyful end to the evening.

Alfie's joke. Q: What do you call a bee that's having a bad hair day? A Frisbee.

Settling down, warmed with tea and cake in the chilly evening, damp after the day's





downpour and dodging rain drops under the trees, we listened as Andy Spanjers began his talk with a serious question:

When is the best time to feed your spring bees?

Answer: In early Autumn.

Your bees have worked hard during the season. If you rob them of their honey, you must replace their stores to provide for their winter survival well into spring. In old money that's 45 lbs of 2:1 syrup (2 pounds weight of white granulated pure cane/beet sugar to one pint of water). In some years,

like 2023, it's a race against time after removing supers, treating for Varroa, feeding enough syrup for the bees to invert, evaporate the water content down below 18% and cap it before the first frosts. The bees will take the syrup quickly, so a larger feeder is an advantage. A national brood box has not enough storage space to get a colony through a mild winter, a full super of stores is recommended.

Andy next demonstrated the process of steaming wax from frames. Wax is produced at great energy cost to the bee. It takes 6-8lbs of honey for the young bees to produce a pound of wax. Retrieving wax is another skill beekeepers acquire; the results of which can be admired in honey show competitions or simply exchanged for newly pressed foundation. Whether it's made into candles, creams and food wraps or refashioned into foundation or exchanged for goods, it's too precious to waste.

In the fading light bats were darting overhead and for once in an apiary it was too cold to be dressed in a bee suit. It was time to pack up but not before we heard another of Alfie's stand-up repertoire.

Q: What do bees chew? Some of us oldies had clearly forgotten the humour of youth, but Kate guessed it right. Bumble gum.

We wish the children a happy new term at school and hopefully see them again next summer holidays. Who knows, maybe Herefordshire Beekeepers will be sponsoring them in the future as our ambassadors, on a team trip to the International Meeting of Young Beekeepers.

Janelle Quitman



Bob's Beelines



August has not been a good time for our bees; rain, dry and very warm.

Wasps are a big problem this year. Reports of colonies have been lost due to wasp attack so close the entrance down to 10mm and get your wasp traps out. I use icing sugar and water they love it.

There are reports of colonies being lost through starvation so please make sure they have plenty of stores and feed if they need food.

This month get your varroa treatment on as soon as possible.

Put your super frames in the freezer for about three days to kill the wax moth eggs.

There is not much else you can do now only book your next holiday now the season is coming to an end.

That's all for now

Bob and Kath Cross - **01886 880 554**

Topical tip – September

The beekeeping season this year seems to have gone in a whirl! In my area there is very little forage and although the bees are working the himalayan balsam on the river most colonies have very limited stores. This is the first time I have had to feed bees so early in the autumn. Professor Evans' blog (www.theapiarist.org) is interesting on the subject. He believes the hot dry spell in June brought on the summer flowers which finished unusually early.

Usually brambles carry on until the end of July, but around here they were over in a fortnight. I have been feeding most of my bees but those with least stores in the brood box seem to have reacted to the dearth by shutting down brood rearing.

Hopefully the weather will improve and the ivy will provide a late boost. When feeding, care needs to be taken not to spill syrup, and most feeders need to be enclosed in an empty super. It is useful to have a spare crown board so the feeder can go above one, with another above. Wasps are still about so make sure that entrances are restricted and all equipment is wasp tight.

Mary Walter

Food Safety for the Beekeeper - Andy Pedley

Andy will deal with the practical side of food safety as it applies to beekeepers, from the hive right through harvest and sale. He will deal with compound foods and allergens - this is not an opportunity to be sneezed at...so save the date in your diary now.

Wednesday 27th September, 2023 - 7pm for refreshments before 7.30pm prompt start. Sutton St Nicholas Village Hall HRI 3SZ.

Andy has been keeping bees for 30 years, and as an Environmental Health Officer developed an interest in the law on food safety as it applies to beekeepers and honey production about 14 years ago, realising that there was a fair amount of misinformation and traditional, but not always good, practice, among beekeepers. In 2009, he authored a series in BeeCraft on the Food Safety Legislation and has authored other relevant articles for them too – on the Honey Regulations and recycling jars.

He has recently worked more on the nuts and bolts of food safety for beekeepers, and has presented talks on this, and the Food Safety Law as it applies to beekeepers at the National Honey Show workshops and to local associations. Northern Bee Books asked him to produce a book and this is now in print <https://www.northernbeebooks.co.uk/products/food-safety-for-beekeeper-pedley/>

Andy is currently the Training Apiary Manager for Oxfordshire BKA; this gives him responsibility for ten colonies there as well as his own seven in various apiaries around Oxfordshire.

Janelle Quitman

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East LAN: Simon Durrant

South LAN: Val Lilwall

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The Herefordshire Beekeepers Association is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Registered Number: 1174917. Members of the committee are also trustees.

Further details at: <https://beta.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-details/?regid=1174917&subid=0>

If you have contributions to propose for this newsletter, please contact **Kirsten Ellerby** at: news@herefordshirebeekeepers.org.uk



If foul brood is suspected, contact our Regional Bee Inspector (RBI),

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or

- Bronwen Hopkins - Tel: 07796 433 626
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VETERINARY MEDICINE ADMINISTRATION RECORD – TO BE KEPT FOR 5 YEARS

NAME:	ADDRESS:
APIARYNAME/LOCATION:	POST CODE:

TO BE COMPLETED AT TIME OF PURCHASE					TO BE COMPLETED AT TIME OF ADMINISTRATION						
Name and Address of Supplier of Medicinal Product	Date Purchased	Identity and Quantity of Medicinal Product			Date of Administration	Hive numbers/ID	Duration of treatment	Withdrawal period	Name of person administering veterinary medicine	Total quantity of veterinary medicine used	Date & route of disposal if not administered
		Name	Batch No	Quantity							

Beekeepers are required to keep proof of purchase and a record of purchase, administration and disposal of all veterinary medicines for a minimum of 5 years under the Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2011, SI 2159.

Further information can be obtained from Veterinary Medicines Directorate, Woodham Lane, New Haw, Addlestone, Surrey. KT15.3LS.
 Telephone: 01932 336911. www.vmd.defra.gov.uk

HBKA ANNUAL HONEY SHOW SCHEDULE 2023

October 14th 2023

Hellens Manor, Much Marcle, Ledbury HR8 2LY

JUDGE: Rebecca Day

JUDGE'S STEWARDS:

SHOW SECRETARY: Val Lilwall

Class Descriptions

Exhibitors are strongly advised to study carefully the Schedule, General Notes and Show Rules set out below. Failure to observe these may result in an entry's non-acceptance or disqualification.

1.	One container of cut comb with liquid honey in the cells (7-9oz in weight)
2.	Two 1 lb jars of Light Liquid Honey
3.	Two 1 lb jars of Medium Liquid Honey
4.	Two 1 lb jars of Dark Liquid Honey
5.	Two 1 lb jars of Naturally Granulated Honey
6.	Two 1 lb jars of Creamed/Soft Set Honey
7.	Two 1 lb jars of Chunk Honey
8.	Novices only – Two 1 lb jars of Honey (Liquid, Granulated or Soft Set) (See Rule 6)
9.	Blind Tasting: (See Rule 7) a) one jar of Liquid Honey. b) one jar of Naturally Granulated, Creamed or Soft Set Honey
10.	One Super Frame ready for extraction displayed in a show case.
11.	One Super Frame, marked 2023, supplied by HBKA
12.	One plain cake of Beeswax weighing 7-9oz (200-255g) with a minimum thickness of ¾" (18mm)
13.	Five Beeswax Blocks each weighing approx. 1oz (27g)
14.	One bottle of Dry Mead.
15.	One bottle of Sweet Mead.
16.	One bottle of honey beverage to be displayed in any size clear glass bottle with removable cork, screw top or cap. (See Rule 8)
17.	Three single items of products of the hive. (see Rule 9)
18.	LAN Challenge A collective display of Products of the Hive with the theme of Beekeeping and Medicine, no more than three items being produced by any one LAN member; with a maximum width of 30"; to be judged on both quality and presentation. LAN Tutors may advise but not participate in this class.
	Open Classes
19.	An item made primarily from beeswax. (See Rule 10)
20.	Three Beeswax Candles up to and including 1 ½" (38mm) diameter. To be displayed in non-combustible stands (one candle will be lit by the judge)
21.	Honey Cake – see attached recipe
22.	Honey Fudge - six pieces to be displayed – see attached recipe.
23.	One jar of honey preserve or fruit curd, displayed in a jar with a twist grip lid. The recipe should be provided with the exhibit.
24.	Honeybee pasture. (See Rule 11)
25.	Any interesting exhibit connected with beekeeping designed and made by the exhibitor, accompanied where necessary by a clear written explanation. (See Rule 12)
26.	Children's Exhibit. Anything connected to beekeeping (open to any child 15 years or under, age to be displayed).
27.	Photographic Competition on the subject of bees and beekeeping. (See Rule 13) a) A colour print, maximum print size 10" x 8", mounted on card with a mount size not exceeding A4. b) A group of photos (minimum of three) of any size on a common theme, but must be presented within an overall mount size not exceeding A3. (Captions optional. No framed prints permitted in any category).

GENERAL NOTES.

- A. Entries may be staged at the following times:
 - Friday October 13th from 4 pm – 6 pm;
 - Saturday October 14th from 8.30 am - 9.45 am.
 - B. Judging will commence at 10.00 am on October 14th.
 - C. Exhibits may be removed from the displays between 5 and 6pm on the 14th or may be collected on Sunday 15th.
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SHOW RULES.

- 1. The show is staged under National Honey Show rules.
- 2. Unless otherwise stated, exhibitors may enter up to three items in any class, but can only gain one award in each, subject to the Judge's discretion to grant a special commendation.
Multiple entries must be clearly marked A, B, C, after the exhibitor's number except when the entry requires two jars when the number and letter on each should be identical.
- 3. No single exhibit may be entered in more than one class.
- 4. **Classes 1-17** are open to any member, Full or Associate, of the Herefordshire Beekeepers' Association (HBKA), together with Associate members who are full members of neighbouring associations. Show points will be awarded to prize-winning members of HBKA as per the schedule of points (*See Rule 11 below*).
- 5. **Open classes** are open to anyone, adults and children, whether or not members of HBKA.
- 6. **Novice Class** is open to any member who has not previously won a first prize, cup or trophy for honey in any previous Honey Show. The winner will receive free entry to the National Honey Show.
- 7. **Blind Tasting.** Entries are limited to one jar per member in each sub class. Exhibits will be assessed on taste only and the sub classes judged separately. Blind wrappers will be provided on registration.
- 8. **Class 16.** A plain label describing the contents should be provided (e.g. Pyment, Melomel, etc.).
- 9. **Class 17.** Items may consist of any product of the hive, or item made using products of the hive for example propolis, pollen, polish, etc, to be judged on the quality of the exhibits rather than the display.
- 10. **Class 19.** Exhibits may include candles of any size or style, wax sculpture, encaustic art, etc., but must be created primarily from beeswax.
- 11 **Class 24.** Honey bee pasture. An arrangement of flora, which may include flowers, foliage and/or fruit, from which the honeybee gathers nectar and pollen. A list of species should be provided and will be judged as an integral part of the exhibit.
- 12. **Class 25.** Exhibits can include works of art, models, practical items etc., provided a clear link exists to bees or beekeeping.
- 13. **Class 27.** Photographs should be the original work of the exhibitor.
- 14. **Labelling.** Show labels will be provided by the Show Secretary on registration.
 - Jars & bottles: position the bottom edge of your label 20mm from the bottom of the jar.
 - Show cases: place one label in the top right hand corner of the glass plus a second label on the top of the frame.
 - Wax products: labels should be fixed on the display base, not to the wax.

15. **Show points.** Members will be awarded points as follows:

- 5 – First place.
- 4 – Second place
- 3 – Third place
- 2 – Very Highly Commended
- 1 – Highly Commended
- 0 – Commended

In the case of a tie, the participant with the largest number of high points will be awarded the trophy.

16. **Trophies.** Trophies will only be awarded to HBKA members.

Guidance on Presentation of exhibits.

It will aid the job of show secretary if a list of entries can be produced and sent by email in advance.

- a) Extracted honey should be exhibited in matching standard 1lb squat honey jars with gold metal or white plastic lids.
- b) Pieces of chunk honey should ideally stand upright and extend fully from the bottom to the top of the jar.
- c) National Honey Show Approved Grading Glasses will be used to determine colour of liquid honey.
- d) Super frames should be displayed in show cases; these may be available for loan if requested in advance. Marked frames (Class 11) may be displayed in the rack provided.
- e) Mead should be exhibited in clear, round, unmarked bottles of approx. 27fl. oz. or 75 ml capacity with flanged removable corks (black or white plastic is acceptable).

RECIPES

HONEY CAKE (*To be baked in a 7" round tin*)

Ingredients:

5oz butter	4oz soft brown sugar
6oz clear honey	2 eggs
1 tablespoon of water	7oz self raising flour

Method:

- Preheat the oven to 180°C, 350°F or Gas Mark 4.
- Grease and line the cake tin.
- Place butter, sugar, honey and water in a saucepan and heat until the butter has melted, stirring all the time.
- When the butter has melted, remove the pan from heat and allow the contents to cool to blood temperature.
- Gradually beat in the eggs, add sieved flour and mix until smooth (do not over mix).
- Pour mixture into the greased and lined tin and bake for 1 hour, or until risen and firm to the touch.
- Cooking time and temperature may vary according to the oven used.
- Cover the top during baking if necessary, to prevent browning.
- Leave to cool in the tin for 5 minutes, then turn out onto a cooling rack.

HONEY FUDGE.

Ingredients:

1 lb sugar	2 oz butter
2 oz honey	¼ pint milk

Method:

- Prepare a greased/oiled tin approximately 7" square.
- Put all ingredients into a heavy-based pan and bring slowly to the boil, stirring all the time.
- Cover and boil for 2 minutes.
- Uncover and boil gently for 15 minutes approx. until "soft ball" stage is reached (a little dropped into cold water will form a soft ball – 115°C/230°F).
- Stand pan on cold surface for 5 minutes
- Beat mixture until it starts to thicken and then pour quickly into tin.
- Mark into squares of approx. 1" as it cools – cut when cold.

HEREFORDSHIRE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

HONEY SHOW AWARDS

JOINT BBKA/NATIONAL HONEY SHOW BLUE RIBAND

For an exhibit of outstanding merit. Awarded only if there are more than 100 entries in the Show. It includes a voucher for free admission and a free entry to an Open Class at the next National Honey Show.

If there are 50 – 100 entries, an HBKA Certificate of Merit will be issued.

TOM BRADFORD PERPETUAL TROPHY

Awarded to the full member gaining the highest aggregate points in all classes.

HOME GUARD CUP

For most points achieved in the Novice class. The winner will also receive a gift ticket to the next National Honey Show.

PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP

Awarded to the exhibitor domiciled in Herefordshire gaining the most points in Classes 2, 3 and 4.

EAVES PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP

Awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points in Classes 5 and 6.

HARRY GARDENER MEMORIAL TROPHY

Awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points in Classes 12, 13, 19 and 20.

MAIDSTONE CUP

Awarded to the winner of Class 11.

JOHN HARLEY CUP

Awarded to the winner of Class 18.

DOMESTIC TROPHY

Awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points in Classes 21, 22, and 23.

BRITISH BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

For an exhibit of outstanding merit, where the number of entries is below that required for the BBKA Blue Ribbon.